

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration followed by allowance.

Amended claim 1 finds basis in the specification at page 7, lines 7-10 and page 7, lines 15-19.

The Office Action refers to "claims 3-8 is/are rejected" (see Office Action Summary), but it would seem to be an editorial oversight. Please clarify.

Claims 1 and 2 define novel, unobvious inventions over the cited reference.

The Examiner has newly cited Sato et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,793,002). The Examiner states that Sato et al. discloses a speaker with a speaker grille (one of the skin layers) and a base portion with both a skin layer and a foam layer made from one piece of material. Although the Examiner states as above, a loudspeaker vibrating diaphragm disclosed by Sato et al. does not have a speaker grille. It is not understood why the Examiner considers one of the skin layers as a speaker grille.

Thus, the reference does not teach the following features of the claimed invention:

- (1) the presence of a speaker grille integrated with a base portion, and
- (2) an average expansion ratio of the speaker grille of 1 to 1.3 times.

Having addressed all matters, Applicants awaits a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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